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**BANNER
OF WAR**

PART 3

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HULK has recently undergone a dramatic transformation. His alter ego, Bruce Banner, has split the Hulk into three distinct parts: The Hulk's body has been turned into a starship. Banner's psyche pilots it from within the Hulk's mind. And the Hulk's psyche fuels the starship with his anger.

THOR is the king of Asgard, having recently taken over for his father, Odin. He is struggling to balance his role as the All-Father with his role as one of Earth's mightiest heroes on the Avengers. Recently Odin died in battle and his spirit now inhabits Thor's hammer, Mjolnir.

HULK VS. THOR BANNER OF WAR

PART THREE OF FIVE

After **HULK** was accused of murdering a bar full of patrons in El Paso, Texas, **THOR** set out to apprehend him, leading to an all-out brawl between the two titans in an arena in the far depths of space.

While the God of Thunder fought the Jade Giant's body, Odin's spirit entered his mind, where the former All-Father witnessed what really happened the night of the murders. Bruce Banner had peacefully gone to the bar, but somehow the Hulk's rage inadvertently passed from Bruce to everyone around him. The raging patrons assaulted Bruce—just as some new, dark force took over his body and used it to brutally kill them all.

At the same time, uninterested in the rest of the Avengers' "wait for Thor's intel" strategy, Iron Man arrived at the fray between god and gamma sporting some new Celestial-powered Hulkbuster armor...

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LIGHTS BURN THE
SKY IN HIS MIND.

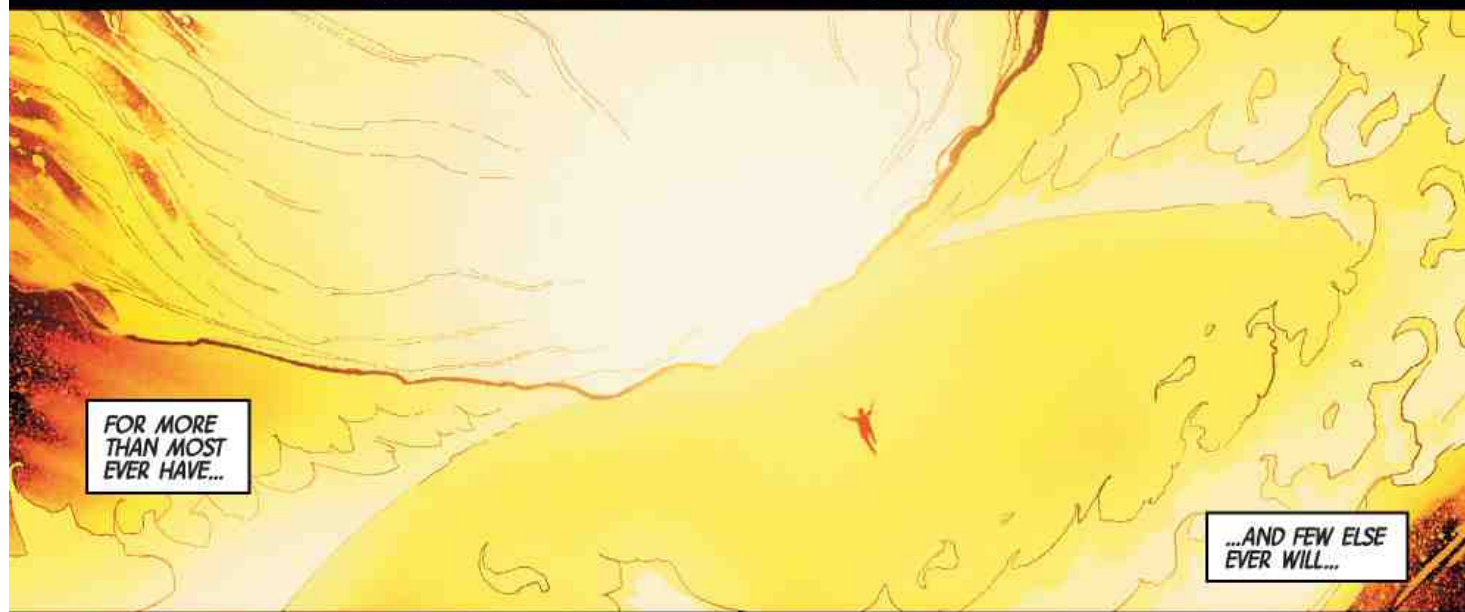
AND THOUGH IT IS A
MIND ACCUSTOMED
TO THE FIRE...

...TO THE
RAGE...



...HE YET
WEEPS.

I'M SO
SORRY...



FOR MORE
THAN MOST
EVER HAVE...

...AND FEW ELSE
EVER WILL...



...BRUCE BANNER
KNOWS WHAT
THE FIRE BRINGS.

...FOR
WHAT YOU'VE
UNLEASHED.



HE KNOWS
WHAT THE
RAGE AWAKENS.

ARRRGH!

THE BLACK
HAND OF GOD
LAYS EMPTY FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN
MILLENNIA.

ITS KNUCKLES UNCLENCHED AS
THE POWER OF A CELESTIAL
SUN SCORCHES ITS PALM.

THE LAST REMAINING JACKALS
AND MORBIDLY CURIOUS GHOULS
OF THIS QUADRANT SQUABBLE
AND COLLECT THEIR UNEARNED
WINNINGS AS THE BIFROST
SCATTERS THEM TO THE WINDS.

WHAT COMES NEXT WILL
HAVE NO WITNESSES.
NO WATCHERS.

NONE SAVE
THOR.

THE VOICE OF HIS
DEAD FATHER RINGING
IN HIS EAR...

...AND THE SMELL OF BURNING
FLESH. ANCIENT, CELESTIAL,
AND LONG DEAD...

AND BEHIND IT, THE
ROARING OF MUSCLE
AND SINEW.

BURNING AND GROWING,
YET STILL UNDER THE HEAT
OF A COSMIC MAELSTROM...

...WHICH UNLEASHES AN
INFINITE OCEAN OF PAIN THAT
HUMANKIND CANNOT PERCEIVE...

...UPON A
CREATURE THAT
KNOWS NOT WHY
IT MUST SUFFER.

A CREATURE...
REBORN.

SET FREE FROM A
CAGE MADE FROM
HIS REFLECTION.

UM...
B.O.S.S.? WHAT'S
GOING ON?

IT WASN'T EASY
TURNING THIS CELESTIAL'S BODY
INTO HULKBUSTER ARMOR THAT
COULD DRAIN THE GAMMA RADIATION
OUT OF HULK SO WE COULD SAFELY
APPREHEND HIM. DON'T GET ME
WRONG, IT'S DOING
ITS JOB...

...BUT A) THIS IS
AN *INSANE* AMOUNT OF
GAMMA, AND B) HOW IS HE
STILL STANDING? SHOULDN'T
HE BE...YOU KNOW,
SMALLER?

INCORRECT.
POWER LEVELS
SURGING. GAMMA
RADIATION
INCREASING.

WHAT??
FROM
WHERE?!

FROM HIS
SHADOW.

ONLY TO FACE THE
WRATH OF A GOD.

AND THE CELESTIAL
JUDGMENT OF A
HUNDRED THOUSAND
EXPLODING STARS.

FROM THE ONLY
MAN HE KNEW
AS FRIEND.

IT IS TOO
MUCH.

IT IS TOO
MUCH.



IT IS TOO MUCH.

AGGHH!!!
FALL DOWN,
DAMN YOU!



IT IS...

...TOO MUCH.



IT IS...

BOOM!

...TOO MUCH.



ALERT.
CRITICAL
DAMAGE TO
INTERNAL
SYSTEMS.

→COUGH←
YEAH! YEAH,
I FELT THAT!
THANKS!

WHAT THE HELL
WAS THAT? HOW IS
BANNER THAT STRONG?
IS THAT EVEN
POSS--



YOU HAVE
SUSTAINED MULTIPLE
BROKEN RIBS AND A
FRACTURED COLLARBONE.
INITIATING CELESTIAL
SELF-HEALING PROTOCOLS
AND DIAGNOSTICS.



IT IS...

ADMINISTERING
SEDATIVE AND SLAVING
CONTROLS TO--

NO! NO.
GET ME UP. I
NEED TO--

...WAIT.
WHAT...?



...ENOUGH.

TONY...

IF YOU
CAN HEAR
ME IN THERE...
STAY DOWN.





UH, HEY,
BUD.

IT'S
ME, IRON
MAN.

OF THE
AVENGERS? THE TEAM
YOU'RE ON? YOU...YOU
CALLED ME HERE?? NOW
YOU TRY TO KILL ME?
WHAT THE HELL,
MAN?!

I APOLOGIZE,
OLD FRIEND. THAT
WAS...NOT OF MY
OWN DOING.

my...HAMMER...
IT...REACTED...
POORLY. IT IS
STUBBORN AND OLD
AND...INCREASINGLY
DEFIANT.



I'M SORRY.
YOU...YOUR
HAMMER??

HOW MANY
TIMES ARE WE
GOING TO SING
THIS SONG,
THOR?

I THOUGHT
YOU KILLED THE BIG,
BLUE LIGHTNING LADY
THAT WAS MAKING YOUR
HAMMER EVIL--DIDN'T
WE JUST DO THAT?

GOTTA SAY,
THIS ISN'T GOING
TO LOOK GOOD ON
THE QUARTERLIES,
BIG GUY.



JUST TELL
HIM, DAMMIT!
MAYBE HE'LL
LISTEN TO
ME!

HULK
IS NOT IN
CONTROL!

I KNOW
THAT!



TONY...I
KNOW THAT. YES.
I'VE BEEN...ERRATIC,
BUT YOU MUST TRUST
ME. THERE IS MORE AT
PLAY HERE THAN EITHER
OF US KNOW. WE HAVE
NEVER FACED
ANYTHING LIKE THIS
BEFORE.

I FEAR WE
MAY HAVE TO
TAKE BANNER
DOWN FOR GOOD
THIS--

FOR BURI'S
SAKE, SON!
BEHIND YOU!



BOOM

BOOM

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

"HE DOESN'T KNOW!"

"HE DOESN'T KNOW HE'S NOT IN A SIMULATION ANYMORE! HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE BOTH REAL! THAT HE CAN KILL YOU!!!"

"HE'S NOT GOING TO HOLD BACK!"

RNGGHGH...

ROUND TWO, BIG GUY.



LET'S GO!!!

WHAT ARE YOU--

YOU DON'T LISTEN, BOY! HE NEEDS OUR HELP!

WHO? WHAT ARE YOU--

DAMN YOU! LET ME--

FATHER!

--GO!!!

RAGGHHH!!!

RAGHHHH! BANNER!!!

THOR?! LITTLE HELPP!

BOOM

HULK...

FATHER, NO!!!

...WORTHY?



CALM
DOWN, FRIEND.
EVERYTHING IS
ALL RIGHT...

I'M NOT
HERE FOR
YOU.

RNGHH!

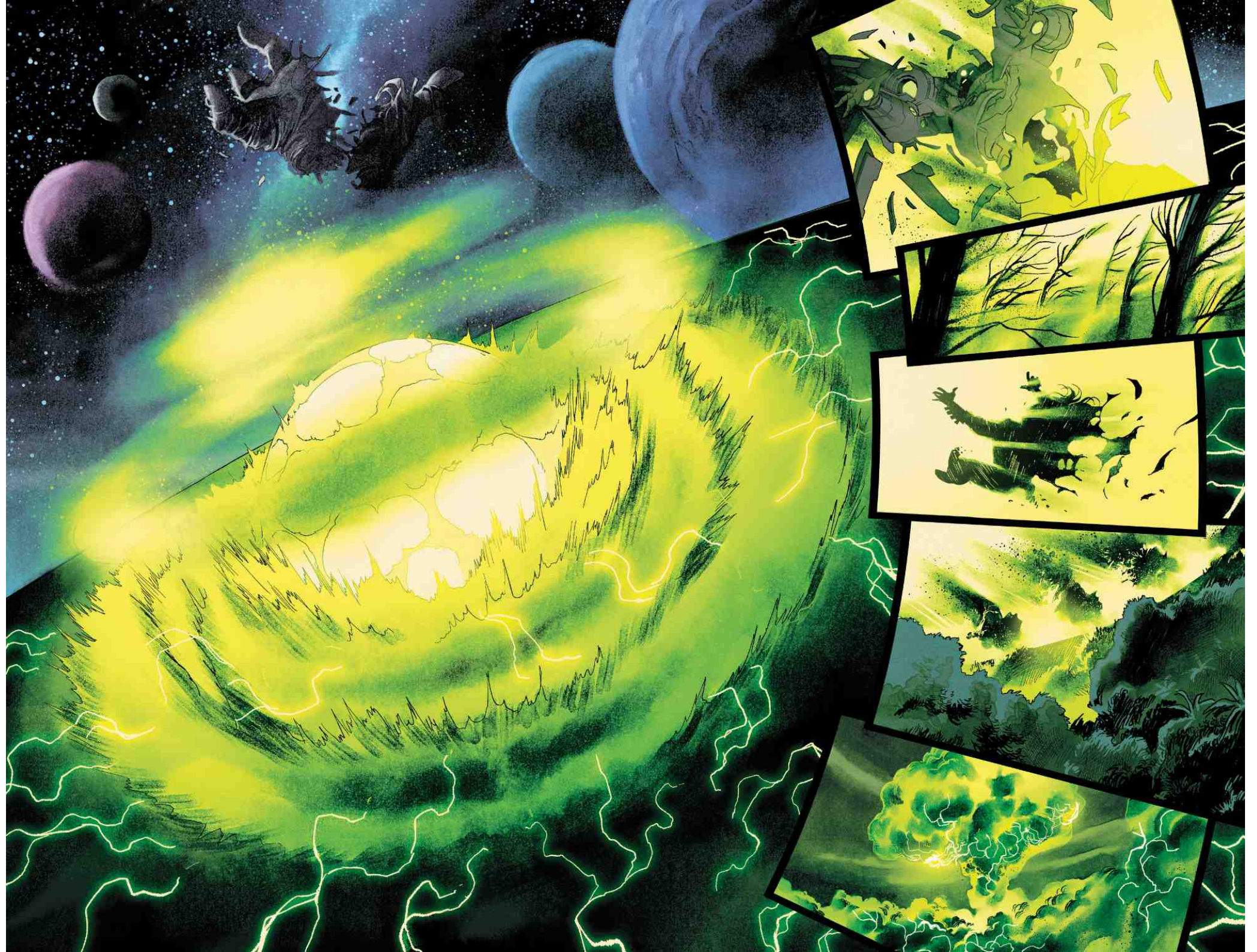


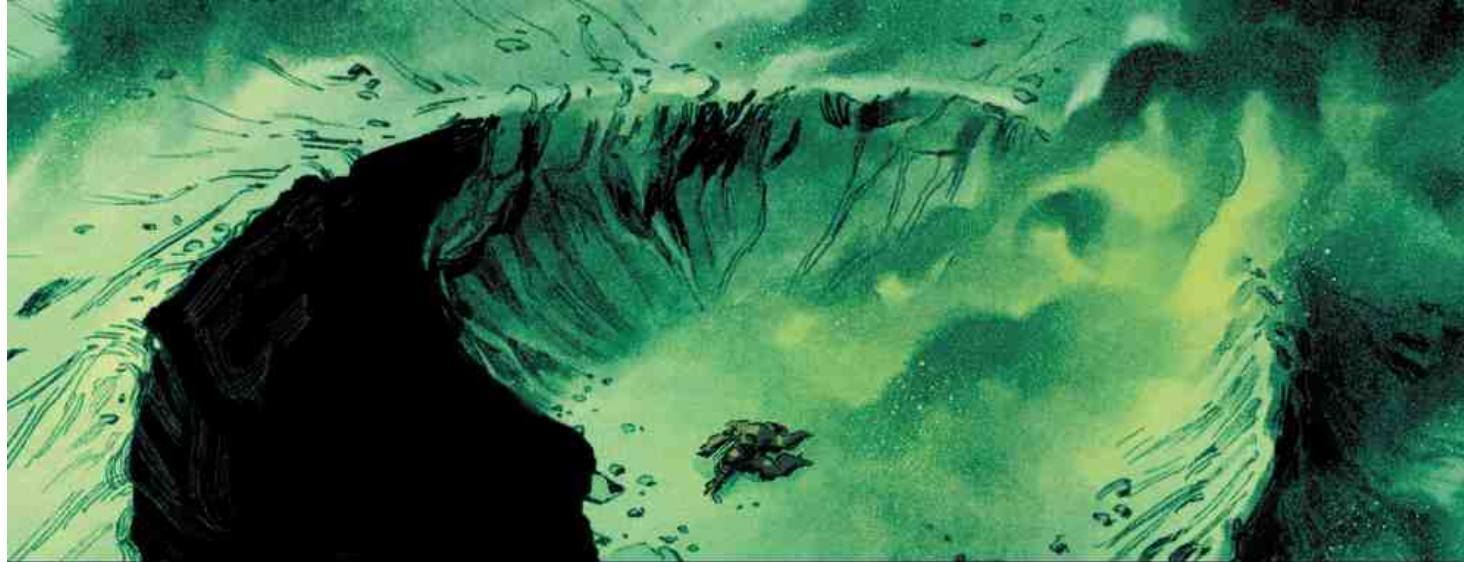
I'M HERE
TO SEE DOCTOR
BANNER.



BANNER!!!









DID...



...DID WE KNOW HE COULD DO THAT?

THOR? YOU THERE?

B.O.S.S., TALK TO ME... TELL ME I'M NOT TRAPPED ALONE WITHOUT A BATTLE BOT ON A DYING PLANET WITH A SUPER HULK...



THE CELESTIAL TECH SHIELDED YOU FROM THE GAMMA IRRADIATION RESULTING FROM THE GAMMA BOMB.

THAT WASN'T A GAMMA BOMB!

TO BE PRECISE...IT WAS APPROXIMATELY THE FORCE OF THREE THOUSAND GAMMA BOMBS, SIR.

OH. GOODIE. UH...HYPOTHETICAL...



...IF SOMEONE...SAY, HUMAN... WAS CAUGHT IN THAT BLAST... LIKE BANNER WAS. WOULD THAT--?

CREATE A HULK? NO, SIR. IT WOULD ATOMIZE THEM.

GREAT... AND, UH...JUST FOR GIGGLES...



...WHAT IF THEY WEREN'T HUMAN?

"WHAT IF
THEY WERE
A GOD?"

THOR...

...SMASH!!!

CONTINUED IN THOR #16!

NEXT

BANNER OF WAR

continues in
THOR #26!

What happens when a god becomes a Hulk? While Bruce Banner searches for a solution, Asgard decides it must bring down its king before he can wreak havoc all across the realms...



**BANNER OF
WAR CHECKLIST:**

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PART TWO - THOR #25

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